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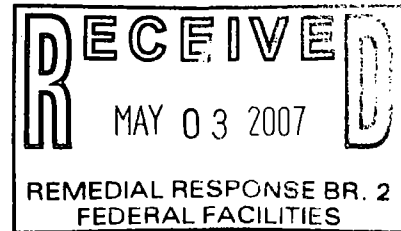
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Re: Army Request to Conduct a Pilot Study for  
 Leachate Disposal at Landfills 6 and 7  
 at the Former Fort Sheridan Army Base  
 Fort Sheridan, Illinois

0970555001/Lake  
 Fort Sheridan (BRAC)  
 Superfund/Technical

Dear Mr. Drumheller:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA or Agency) is in receipt of the Army's Pilot Study proposal to dispose of leachate generated within Landfills 6 and 7 at Fort Sheridan. It was dated April 20, 2007 and was received via electronic mail on that same day. The Pilot Study was submitted to Illinois EPA for our review and approval.

The Pilot Study's purpose, as stated, is to document the technical feasibility of disposing landfill leachate by applying it to a grassy area near the Army maintenance building. The leachate will be applied in such a way that it either evaporates or infiltrates the ground surface. It will also document whether or not any environmental impacts may occur with regards to the shallow surface water zone and will prohibit leachate from leaving the study area or entering Lake Michigan waters.

Illinois EPA has reviewed the Army's revised Leachate Pilot Study request and has no further comments to provide. The Agency is therefore approving the Army's request to conduct the Leachate Disposal Pilot Study at Fort Sheridan.

Although not discussed within the submittal, previous discussions between the Army and Illinois EPA resulted in a plan to notify the general public of the Army's proposed Pilot Study prior to implementation. That plan included electronic mail messages, a posting on the KEMRON website, post card notifications, and possibly a walking tour of the environmental remediation

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areas on site. Illinois EPA expects that the notifications will occur as discussed.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, you may contact me at 217/557-8155 or via electronic mail at [Brian.Conrath@illinois.gov](mailto:Brian.Conrath@illinois.gov).

Sincerely,

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